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McManus bill would provide liability protection to National Ski Patrol members

LANSING – Legislation introduced today in the Michigan Senate would maintain existing liability protection to registered members of the National Ski Patrol who act in good faith to provide emergency care on the slopes, announced Sen. Michelle McManus, sponsor of the bill.

“Emergency situations require quick actions, and even with the best training things don’t always go by the book,” said McManus, R-Lake Leelanau. “Senate Bill 561 would help protect these individuals who are acting in good faith to provide emergency treatment – often in less-than-ideal conditions.”

This bill would maintain protection from civil damages to any member of the ski patrol who is acting in good faith and according to their training. This legislation does not protect against civil damages as a result of acts of omission amounting to gross negligence or willful misconduct.

A rule change at the national level necessitated a change in Michigan law to ensure ski patrol members would continue to have this liability protection.

Senate Bill 561 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

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